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## GOOD MORNING – Bobby Schuller (BS) and Hannah Schuller (HS)

BS: This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hello.

HS: Hello friends and church family, we are so happy that you are here with us. You know, I want to encourage you today that in the face of every need to confess that the Lord is my shepherd and I lack nothing. You are loved.

BS: We're so honored to have Tim Timberlake in the house. Tim, thank you for coming today. And we know that this is going to be a blessing for you. Its nice for us, too, to be able to be ministered to, so we're grateful for that. Let's begin with a word of prayer. Father, we thank you so much for all that you've done for us and all that you're doing. I pray for an incredible sense of peace in our lives as we are reaching out for you, in Jesus' name, amen.

HS: Amen.

HAVEN: Turn to the person next to you and say God loves you and so do I.

## SCRIPTURE – Romans 12,2 – Chad Blake

In preparation for today's message, hear these words found in Romans chapter 12: Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that by testing you may discern what is the will of God; what is good and acceptable and perfect. This is the word of our Lord.

## DECLARATION – Bobby Schuller

BS: Whoever you are, would you stand with us? We're going to say this creed together. Hold your hands out like this as a way of receiving from the Lord, let's say this together: I'm not what I do. I'm not what I have. I'm not what people say about me. I am the beloved of God. Its who I am. No one can take it from me. I don't have to worry, I don't have to hurry, I can trust my friend Jesus and share His love with the world. Thanks, you can be seated.

## INTRO TO TIM TIMBERLAKE – Bobby Schuller

BS: Well, we are so thrilled to welcome Tim Timberlake to Shepherd's Grove Church. Tim was actually on the Hour of Power not that long ago, and I was so touched by his interview, I just asked him in the interview 'Tim, will you come?' And Tim, you said yes. Thank you so much for coming, Tim. Tim Timberlake is an author and a lead pastor of Celebration Church which has locations in Jacksonville, Florida, Creedmoor, North Carolina. Would you please welcome with me, Pastor Tim Timberlake.

## MESSAGE/PRAYER – Tim Timberlake "Nothing is Ordinary"

Hello. It's an honor and a privilege to be here with you all today and I count it a high honor to be able to share these moments in time with you. Today I want to share with you what God has placed on my heart and it's a message entitled "Nothing is Ordinary." As I was writing my book The Power of 1440, God began to place on my heart this idea that nothing is really ordinary. Webster's Dictionary defines "ordinary" as "nothing important; nothing distinctive." And if you think about that, how often we use that word important.. how often we use that word "ordinary" and how we place it and how we utilize it throughout our day, and then you define it, it really is kind of a gut punch to us. We utilize it so haphazardly to say that there's nothing distinctive about this day. There's nothing important about this that would separate it from yesterday. And my prayer is that as we go through the word of God, we see the importance as to how this day is extraordinary. In Romans chapter 12 verse 2, scripture says "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." As I began to read that, I thought about how many areas in my mind needs renewing.

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Our minds are a lot like our cell phones and the batteries that power those things, if we don't charge them up every single day, an indicator will come on that phone to tell you you're out of juice. Almost like us, I wish we had those indicators on our forehead that tell us we need to recharge; we need to renew, we need to plug in to the power of God so that we could have our minds renewed again. When you really think about it, this day is completely different than yesterday. And tomorrow will be completely different than today. So how is it ordinary? Reminded of a story of one of the world's most famous architects, Christopher Wren. In 1666 in London, there was a horrible fire that burned down a lot of the buildings, a lot of people's homes, a lot of the landscape and terrain. The local government commissioned Christopher Wren to rebuild St. Paul's Cathedral. In 1671, he sought out to find the areas best builders, those that were what he considered to be special. And so the way that he would recruit these builders was to go by other areas where men were building and to ask them a question: what is it that you do? And he recalls going to a building and seeing three different bricklayers working. One was hunched over, another was on his knees, and the other was standing working very fast. The first bricklayer he asked 'what is it that you do?' And the bricklayer responded 'I lay bricks. I'm just trying to put food on the table for my family.' The second bricklayer, he went and he asked him the same question: 'what is it that you do?' The second bricklayer said 'I'm building a wall; a wall I have no idea for whom I'm building it.' And the third bricklayer who was standing with a smile on his face and working, he asked him 'what is it that you do?' And this bricklayer responded 'I am a cathedral builder. Brick by brick I plan to put this together, not for myself, but for God.' And the reality is, each and every one of us are given bricks every single day. And we can look at those bricks as just another ordinary brick, or we can look at those bricks each and every day and say you know what? Brick by brick, slab by slab, I am building a cathedral, not for myself, but to the glory of God. Romans chapter 12 verse 2 says we have to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. This is an inward transformation that God is asking us to do by His word. And when I think about that, this transformation does not happen from the outside, it can only happen from the inside. I was talking with my four-year-old son, and he was fascinated about an egg. I told him, I said son, if we crack that egg from the outside, what's on the inside won't make it. But if what is on the inside cracks that egg from the inside, it means new life has arisen. And today, I believe the scripture is asking us to crack the egg from the inside. To be transformed by the renewing of our mind, and no longer look at days like this as just mundane and ordinary, but see the supernatural possibilities in each and every day such as this day, and say this is an opportunity for us to have a miraculous mindset. I love the passage of scripture that says "this is the day that the Lord has made. I choose to rejoice." See if you're going to understand that this is not an ordinary day, you have to make a conscious decision that today will be different than my yesterday and my tomorrow will be different than my today, but it will all stay the same if you choose that it will be the same. Scripture teaches us that we are transformed from the inside out by the renewing of our mind. And so I want us to look at a few passages of scripture so that we too can be transformed by what scripture has for us. In Ephesians chapter 5, verse 15, it says "be very careful then how you live, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity." Today is an opportunity for us to make the most of it. And when you think about it, each and every one of us are given these minutes to make moments and those moments create our momentum and those momentums create our realities. I've found 17 years of pastoring oftentimes we live our lives in the regrets of our past, or in the hopes of our future, not getting the most potential out of right here, right now. When you think about it, you're thinking about yesterday right now. And you're thinking about tomorrow right now. So why not live the life that God intends for you to live right now, not in the regrets of your past, not even in the hopes of your future, but squeezing the best of life out in this moment in time so that tomorrow you don't look back at today and said I wish I had stewarded that time differently. Scripture says in Colossians chapter 4 verse 5, "make the most of every opportunity." Psalms chapter 90 verse 12 says, "teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." A lot of times when we categorize our day, we categorize it from the standpoint of we have 24-hours which seems like a lot of time. But when you hone in unto the minutes and you boil it down to its purest essence, we have fourteen hundred and forty minutes every single day. And the way that we steward those minutes determine our future. I say steward because a lot of times we lean into this idea that we can manage our time. As a matter of fact, when you go into the bookstores, there's shelves full of time management books. My question is, how can we manage what we do not control? We can't tell time to stop, we can't tell time to move, we can't tell time to speed up and we can't tell time to rewind, so if we cannot control time, what must we do? We must steward the time that God allows us to live.

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How can we be better stewards of the time that God gives us? It's by having the right mindset. A lot of times in life, we either live from a mundane mindset, which is ordinary, or we live from the miraculous mindset, which is extraordinary. And I want to share with you the difference between those mindsets in a moment, but first I want to read to you what Romans chapter 13 verse 11 and 13 says. It says "but make sure that you don't get absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track, you lose track of time and doze off, oblivious to God. We can't afford to waste one minute." We can't afford to waste not even one minute. Now I want you to do some personal inventory for a moment. I want you to think about the minutes that you may have wasted today in worry and stress and fear and anxiety, and think about what has you at that place. When you think about anxiety, anxiety is experiencing failure in advance. You're predicting before I even get started, I'm going to fail at this. When you think about worry, it is worshipping the thought of fear. You think about fear, this false evidence appearing real. When you do that inventory and you ask yourself why do I feel the way that I feel, can always point back to an absence of the presence of God. And God is asking us don't waste a minute. Don't worry about those things. Believe that I am your God and beside me there is no one else. If you can believe, He says I will perform. And so if we're going to live this life, not from an ordinary perspective but from a supernatural, extraordinary perspective, we have to get rid of our mundane mindset. One may ask well what is a mundane mindset? The mundane mindset thinks that God is far away. I remember after my 18th birthday, my father passed. He transitioned from this life to the next, and I remember asking God, God where are you? How and why could this happen to me? Why is this happening to us? Where are you? Have you ever had something that happened in your life and you asked that question: God, where are you? Why does it seem like you're so far away? Why does it seem like you're so distant? And He reminds us every single time – I haven't left you nor have I forsaken you. My word says that I will be with you unto the very end of all time. And we have to remember that when we exchange our mundane mindset for His miraculous mindset, this is what the miraculous mindset tells us. The miraculous mindset sees God's presence in everything. The mundane mindset asks God where are you? The miraculous mindset sees God's presence in everything. When we wake up in the morning and we go outside and we see the birds flying, we see God's presence. When we see the trees blowing in the wind, we see God's presence. When we put our feet in the sand on the ocean shore, we experience God's presence. When we open up our line, and open up our eyes we have the opportunity to see God's presence, but we have to have the miraculous mindset to do so. One of the greatest ways that we can do this is through gratitude. I'm a firm believer that the grateful cannot fail but the ungrateful cannot succeed. If our perspective is in its right place, we will see God's presence in everything. There are people at God's table that have a mundane mentality. They're asking God, God where are you? And then there are others who have a different perspective. They see God in everything. I want to encourage you right now listening to me to see God's presence in every situation of your life because it will make the difference. The second mundane mindset that we have to battle and wrestle with this mindset only focuses on what is lacking. How many times have we got ready to go somewhere and we looked in our closet and said I have nothing to wear. Or how many times have we went to our refrigerator and opened it and said I don't have anything to eat. Or how many times have we operated from the mindset of what we don't have, rather than what we already have that we are not using. See our limitations is not what we are missing. Our limitations is what we have that we refuse to use. The mundane mindset focuses on what is lacking but the miraculous mindset, it counts every single blessing. The miraculous mindset counts every single blessing. Every single breath that you take is a blessing. Every single time you blink your eyes, it's a blessing. Every day that we have the opportunity to wake up and take in air in our lungs, it's a blessing. So it's important for us to exchange the mundane mindset for the miraculous mindset. The third mundane mindset that each and every one of us struggle with is we see time as an obstacle. Oftentimes we think that God doesn't already know how old we are, and so we remind Him. God, I'm this old, I'm still single, and we act like that's a surprise and shock to God. God, I thought by this time I would be over these things, and I'm still going through these things, and we act like it's taking God by surprise. God is not in heaven saying wow, I was not expecting that. I didn't see that one coming. And God does not see time as an obstacle. As a matter of fact, God does not even operate off time, but this is what God does: God honors it. And He gives us 365 days every single year to remind us of His faithfulness. The mundane mindset tells us that time is an obstacle, but the miraculous mindset treats each moment as a perfect opportunity to see the miraculous. The miraculous mindset treats each moment as a perfect opportunity to see the miraculous. Oftentimes in life two things define us and that's our

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patience when we're waiting on what God told us, and our attitude after we receive it. I want to encourage you right now to switch off the mundane mindset and put on the miraculous mindset because life is so much better when we have the right perspective. The mundane mindset, it sees time as an obstacle, it always reminds us that there's this elapse of time. The miraculous mindset, however, always reminds us that God is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him. And God will oftentimes put us through what I like to call wait training. Not weights as in working out, but wait as in w-a-i-t. Because He develops us. He matures us. He grows us up in this wait training and as things that happen to us in wait training that we cannot mature and grow up in if we don't go through this process. I love the scripture that says "wait on the Lord and be of good courage. Again I say wait." He's telling us if you are patient enough to wait, I'm faithful enough to perform and provide. And if you do it too soon, what you will receive will be far smaller than what I had for you. And what we have to remember is that with the faith that we have, if we place it back in the hands of Jesus, Jesus does miracles with those things. A little in the hands of Jesus turns into a lot in the life of the recipients. What is it that you need to place back in the hands of Jesus right now? For most of us, I can almost guarantee it's our mindset and how we look at what's going on around us. If we can place our mindset into the hands of Jesus, if we can renew our minds and get it back into the things of God, and focus on what God is telling us, He says we'll be transformed. And so can you exchange the mundane for the miraculous? The last one that we'll look at for today is the mundane mindset focuses on what can't be done. Have you ever hit an obstacle in your life and you thought surely this is impossible. Ever been faced with a challenge or a test or a hardship and you thought to yourself this is impossible. The mundane mindset tells us what can't be done, but the miraculous mindset believes anything is possible. The word of God teaches us that all things are possible to those that believe. Can I get a good amen on that? There is nothing too difficult and impossible for our God. And what He's asking of us is to believe. God's greatest joy is to be believed. And I believe His greatest heartbreak is when we don't believe. And right now, He's asking us can you exchange the mundane mindset, can you exchange the ordinary mindset to receive the miraculous mindset and live an extraordinary life. In this season, things may look different than how they have in years past. But I'm a firm believer that in this season, if we put our trust in God, God says I can make the good and I can make the bad work together for the good of those that love the Lord. And so we have this opportunity to not look at this day, not look at this week, not look at this month, is this another ordinary day, week and month? But when we have the right mindset, the miraculous mindset, we have an opportunity to see God's extraordinary supernatural power at work in each and every day of our lives. I want to leave us with this quote from Dr. Martin Luther King. It says "if a man or woman is called to be a street sweeper, he or she should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He or she should sweep streets so well that the host of heaven and earth will pause to say here lived a great street sweeper who did their job well." My prayer for us is no matter what we do, no matter what season of life we may be in, that we don't look at it as just another ordinary day or thing, but we take an opportunity to look up and recognize that this day, this moment, this week, this month is extraordinary and supernatural when we have the right mindset. I want to leave you with one last question: what mindset do you have right now? Is it mundane or is it miraculous? If its mundane, we have the opportunity right here, right now to exchange it with the miraculous mindset that Jesus has for us. So I want to pray with you right now. Lord Jesus, we thank you for this opportunity. We don't take it for granted that you have given us the ability to exchange our mundane mindset for your miraculous mindset. And this mindset, God, the miraculous allows us to see beyond the ordinary and tap into the extraordinary. And so Lord, we ask right now that you would show us in each and every minute every single day your miraculous hand at work in and through our lives in Jesus' name, amen.

### INTERVIEW – Bobby Schuller (BS) with Nona Jones (NJ)

VO: Nona Jones is a remarkable speaker who equips people all over the world to live out their faith. As a survivor of childhood sexual abuse, she uses her platform to bring hope to those who have endured similar trauma. She currently serves as the Head of Global Faith-Based Partnerships at Facebook.

NJ: There are over a billion people using Facebook groups every day, and almost zero percent on our platform are connected with a church.

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VO: And she has become an expert in effectively utilizing technology in the church, speaking to congregations around the world on the subject. She is also an accomplished singer and songwriter, as well as an author. Please welcome, Nona Jones!}

NJ: Hello. Thank you so much for having me. It's such a blessing to be with you.

BS: It's such a strange time to be interviewing people in this way, but it also gives us the opportunity to meet people like you who maybe aren't local or it's hard to get you in the house, but it's so nice to have you here. Thank you for joining us.

NJ: This is my pleasure. Thank you for the honor.

BS: For those who don't know you, Nona, tell us a little bit about your life and sort of how you became the person you've become.

NJ: Sure. You know I appreciate the opportunity because a lot of times I think people walk into the successful chapter that your life is on, and they just assume it's the entire story. But I describe myself as a statistically improbable product of grace. I was born to a mother who did not want to have children. My father and her had been married for 13 years before she got pregnant with me, and he was so elated to finally become a dad, but in the middle of the pregnancy, he found out that he had terminal stomach cancer, and he passed away shortly before my second birthday. It was right after that that my mother moved us to the other side of the country where she started to get into relationships with different men, and one of them became her live-in boyfriend. I was about five-years-old at the time, and after he moved in, he became sexually abusive to me. And I finally worked up the courage to tell my mother what he was doing, I was about seven, so it had been happening repeatedly for a couple of years, and she had him locked up, but on the day of his release from jail, she took me with her to pick him up and bring him back home.

It was right after he came home that he started to abuse me again. And there was so much just dysfunction and trauma and pain that I tried to take my life twice before the age of 11. We did not go to church. I didn't know anything about God, Jesus, hope, Bible, none of that, but shortly after my second suicide attempt, I was in the 6th grade, a classmate invited me to church and I'll never forget walking into the building that day, people were so loving and welcoming. They didn't even know me, but they loved me. And that first sermon I ever heard that the preacher said 'God is a father to the fatherless.' That was exactly what I needed to hear because there were so many nights I had cried myself to sleep, wishing that my father was alive. But now I came into awareness that there was a heavenly Father, and that literally changed the entire trajectory of my life. So I tell people if it had not been for that, I would not be where I am today. I am a statistically improbable product of grace.

BS: Wow. I don't know how to follow up such an amazing story. I mean when I hear that, I imagine as a kid, it must have been so hard to have had this father that you probably don't remember in terms of meeting, I mean you were so young when he died, that you know loved you and wanted to be your dad, and was taken by this tragedy. And to have him replaced with this monster, this demonic guy, and resentment towards your mom; just all of that stuff, and probably feeling worthless. To go from that to seeing God being your perfect loving father, I mean it must have changed everything for you.

NJ: My goodness. It was transformative because as you said, I mean because of what was happening to me at home, I took on the identity of being a bad child. As a matter of fact, I would act out in school, I didn't do my homework because I was just so broken, and I got labeled a problem child. Was told I had a learning disability. All of these labels were placed on me, but then suddenly I found myself at 11-years-old being relabeled as a child of God, as a child of promise, as a child of hope, that changed my understanding of who I was and that's what placed me on the path to become who I am today.

BS: Nona, one of the things I love about you is that you reach out to women and men who have gone through this in their lives, as well, to help them understand how valuable they are, how precious they are to the Lord, how precious they are to us, to other people. What has that process been like for you, and what encouragement do you give to people who have been through something like that?

NJ: The first thing I would say is, Romans 8:28 tells us that "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose." It doesn't say that all things will feel good, it doesn't say that all things will be good, it just says that all things will work together for good. My message to people who have experienced trauma and brokenness is God is so faithful that He has the power to turn what should have broke us into what will make us brave, into what will make us wise.

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I believe that many of the people who have experienced these types of tragedies, God wants to use that as a ministry, and that's exactly what He's done for me. If I had not gone through what I went through, I would not be able to minister to other people. My encouragement to women and men who have gone through things like this, is allow God to use it as a tool for ministry to others who are hurting. I think the enemy is so subtle. He tries to keep us in shame. He tries to keep us feeling like we better not tell anybody because they'll think differently about us, and we know that there is power in the light of Jesus. Darkness and light cannot occupy the same identity and that's why he works so hard to keep us in shame. But God will take what we think is a burden, and turn it into a ministry to help other people.

BS: I remember when I came to faith, and I heard a lot of testimonies about people who had had this really rough past, and then they became this amazing person. And something that's not said all the time is as a teenager, when I heard these messages it was like almost like an overnight transformation. They were addicted to drugs or alcohol, and then they were like clean and sober and having these big events and that can be discouraging for somebody that's on the path of recovery when they fall off the wagon, when they have a setback, when they do something they shouldn't have done, or make some horrible life mistake. It's easy to just give up, but the truth is it's a long path, isn't it?

NJ: It is, it's a process, and I think honestly that's where we witness the glory and power of God, and the grace of God. There are absolutely people who have been healed and delivered instantly, and yet, their deliverance is not better than those who are on a process because we are all seeking the redemptive power of Jesus. For me, it absolutely was a process. I mean going from being told that I was not wanted, basically being shown that I was not wanted, that created a lot of insecurities in me that had to be worked out over time. But I will tell you one thing that God revealed to me that really helped to begin setting me free was the power of forgiveness. Many of us, we've been hurt by other people and we're waiting on them to apologize. Like we're waiting on them to say that they are sorry. And because they either haven't said it, or maybe they said it and it didn't feel sincere, we have yet to truly forgive them. But forgiveness is not necessarily for our offender. Forgiveness is for us because it releases us from the power of the hurt from what they did. God showed me that and as I began to forgive my mother and forgive her boyfriend, I began to experience so much peace and joy to where now I do, I pray for them daily. I pray for them to come into faith because I want God's goodness for them just as much as I do for myself.

BS: Nona, thank you so much. What an effective message to so many people who have gone through this, and its literally millions of people and so many people don't talk about it or don't share their story, but I'm so grateful that you're at a place like Facebook. There is so much negativity in social media. I think when social media companies have people like you on their team, you do such a great job of bringing encouragement and positivity and helping people lead. And if you want to know more about Nona Jones and about the Faith and Prejudice Initiative, check out [NonaJones.com](http://NonaJones.com). We really want to encourage you to go there. Nona, thank you so much for your encouragement to us. It means the world.

### THANK YOU TO TIM TIMBERLAKE – Bobby Schuller

BS: Pastor Tim, thank you so much for joining us today. I hope that meant as much to you as it did to me.

### BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller

BS: And now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen.